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**Office Action Summary**

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10/670,346

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Examiner

Tuan T. Lam

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/10/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 and 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sanford et al. (USP 6,734,636). Figure 2 of Sandford et al. shows a pixel circuit comprising a first transistor (Q203), a second transistor (Q201), an electro-optical element (OLED 220), a third transistor (Q202), an electric potential line (lines connected to Vdd1 and Vdd2) connected to the sixth terminal together with the sixth terminals of the other unit circuits of the plurality of unit circuits (not shown), a control circuit (235) for setting the electric potential control line (wire coupled to either Vdd1 or Vdd2) to a plurality of electric potentials (Vdd1 or Vdd2) or to be electrically connected to a predetermined electric potential and electrically disconnected from the predetermined electric potential as called for in claims 1-3, 6, 11-12 and 14-20.

Regarding claim 4, a capacitive element is seen as the capacitor Cs 210.

Regarding claims 5 and 13, the fourth transistor is seen as the switch 235 (column 4, lines 37-39).

3. Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sanford et al. (USP 6,734,636). Figure 3 of Sandford et al. shows a pixel circuit comprising an

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electronic element (OLED 320), a first transistor (Q303), a second transistor (Q301) connected to the first transistor and electrically connecting one of the plurality of second signal lines (lines connected to source/drain of the transistor Q301) to the first transistor by switching to an on state in accordance with a control signal (gate line) supplied from one of the plurality of signal lines, a capacitive element (Cs310), a control circuit (325) connected to the other end of the electronic element, the control circuit controlling current not to flow through the electronic element in a period where current flows through a first current path including the first transistor and the second transistor and to control current to flow through a second current path including the first transistor and the electronic element in a state where the second transistor is in an off state are seen to be inherently present in figure 3 as called for in claims 7 and 9-10.

Regarding claim 8, the capacitive element is seen as the capacitor Cs 310.

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In this regard, applicant's cited prior art has been carefully considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan T. Lam', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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